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HOME AFFAIRS
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GIRLS IN BROTHELS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether girls from tribal and rural areas of the country are lured by pimps and maid bureau to work as domestic help in big cities and are sold to brothels for prostitution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such cases reported during each of the last three years, till date, State-wise;

(d) the number of persons involved in such activities and action taken against them during the said period; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check such activities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO H. GAVIT)
(a) to (c) Such information is not maintained centrally. However, NCRB compiles State/ UT wise data on cases registered under Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956, procuration of minor girls (Sec. 366-A IPC), selling of girls for prostitution (Sec. 372 IPC) and buying of girls for prostitution (Sec. 373 IPC), cases registered during 2003 to 2005 are provided at Annexure-I.

(d) The State/ UT wise details of persons arrested, chargesheeted and convicted under Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956, procuration of minor girls (Sec. 366-A IPC), selling of girls for prostitution (Sec. 372 IPC) and buying of girls for prostitution (Sec. 373 IPC) during 2003 to 2005 are provided at Annexure-II.

(e) The following steps have been taken by the Government to check such activities:

i) Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act (ITPA) is in the process of being amended to make it more stringent against traffickers. The proposed amendments also provide for setting up of a Central Nodal Authority and State Nodal Authorities for the purpose of effectively preventing and combating the offence of trafficking in persons.

ii) The Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) has prepared a training manual on `Human Trafiicking Handbook for Investigators` for use in the Police Training Institutes.

(iii) BPR&D is organizing regional workshops for sensitizing police personnel towards the safety and security of women. Several workshops have been held in various cities till date.

(iv) A Central Advisory Committee (CAC) on implementation of IT(P)Act is functioning at Central level in the MWCD, which is represented by States as well as Central Organisations and NGOs etc. The CAC holds quarterly meetings.